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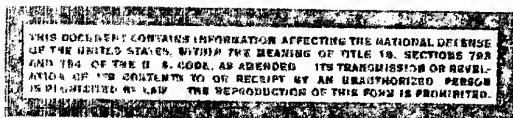
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1. According to the 1953 import plan for welding electrodes of the DHZ Chemie 200 tons of welding electrodes worth 200,000 eastmarks were scheduled to be imported from Czechoslovakia and Hungary and 40 tons of welding electrodes worth 350,000 eastmarks were to be imported from Sweden. In early February 1953, an order was received from the USSR prohibiting imports of welding electrodes with chromium-nickel basis.
2. A total of 350 tons of arsenical powder was scheduled to be imported from the USSR in 1953, 80 tons of which had arrived in Frankfurt/Oder in late January 1953.
3. The arrival of Soviet freighter AURA with 1,000 tons of cola-apatite concentrates from the USSR was announced for early February 1953.
4. Source obtained the following tabulation of rare gases to be imported from the USSR to East Germany and to be processed by the Erfurt Branch of the DHZ Chemie:

Neon, purest quality	136 liters
H-gas mixture	680 "
J/H-gas mixture	110 "
Argon	2365 cfm
Argon	1 366899 liters (sic)
Neon	115 "
Xenon	264 "
Neon mixture, consisting of 99.5 percent of neon and 0.5 percent of Argon	10 "
Krypton, spectroscopically pure	136 "
Hydrogen, purest quality	64.40 liters
Helium, spectroscopically pure	8 liters
Gas mixture, consisting of 67 percent of Argon and 33 percent of Helium	25 "
KL-mixture	20 "
Nitrogen, purest quality	15 000 "
Luminous materials	2 620 kg
H-gas	24 liters
Freon F 12	36.01 t

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Cola-apatites are basic materials for the production of phosphoric fertilizers which represent an extraordinary bottleneck in East Germany.

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